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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 10, 1952

FROM : C. H. Stanley

SUBJECT: THOMAS WARDELL BRADEN
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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summary

Thomas Wardell Braden

PURPOSE:

To have the Liaison Unit ascertain whether Braden is employed with the Central Intelligence Agency within the purview of Executive Order 9835 and, if so, to ascertain whether CIA desires any investigation under the Loyalty Program.

BACKGROUND:

There is no loyalty form in the files of the Bureau for Braden and the Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning captioned individual.

Bureau files contain information indicating Braden is a native of Greene, Iowa, and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1940. In 1944, he transferred from the Kings' Royal Rifle Corps to the Office of Strategic Services. In 1945, Braden and Stewart Alsop published the book entitled "Sub Rosa-The OSS and American Espionage." In 1951, he left the position of Secretary of the Museum of Modern Art to become the Executive Director of the American Committee for United Europe. Other members of this Committee were Major General William J. Donovan, Francis Adams Truslow and Allan W. Dulles. The Washington Field Office has now advised that Braden may be an employee with CIA.

Bureau files contain the following information concerning Braden:

(1) In 1947, the Boston Office advised that Braden, an English Instructor at Dartmouth, had the reputation of being a fellow traveler. (62-58854-91)

(2) In 1950, Braden was interviewed in connection with the investigation entitled "William Walter Remington, Commerce, LGE." From his observation of Remington,

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Braden advised Remington would follow any cause right or wrong as long as it would benefit him and he believed Remington was fully capable of committing the acts Elizabeth Bentley charged he committed. Braden related that Remington induced him to become a member of the American Student Union and, as a result, Braden did attend some meetings of this organization. (121-6159-281)

(3) In 1951, [redacted] an admitted member of the Young Communist League at Dartmouth, was interviewed in connection with the investigation entitled [redacted] Espionage-R." [redacted] advised that Thomas Braden was active in the YCL at Dartmouth. (100-353390-66) b6 b7C

(4) In 1952, Braden was interviewed in connection with the investigation entitled [redacted] Espionage-R." During this interview Braden advised he was aware that a chapter of the American Student Union existed at Dartmouth and that he had been told the Young Communist League also had a chapter at Dartmouth. Braden furnished a signed statement concerning [redacted] and in this statement Braden denied he was ever a member of the ASU or the YCL. (100-353390-155) b6 b7C

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Liaison Unit ascertain whether Braden is employed with CIA within the purview of EO 9835 and, if so, determine whether CIA desires any investigation under the Loyalty Program. If an investigation is desired, the following information should be obtained:

(1) Complete title of the position
(2) Complete background information
(3) Summary of all available disloyal information.

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[redacted] CIA, ADVISED BRADEN IS EMPLOYED AS A SPECIAL ASST. TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR CIA. CIA DESIRES SUMMARY OF DEROGATORY INFO (BLIND MEMO) FOR ASSISTANCE IN DECIDING IF LOYALTY INV. IS DESIRED.
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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: May 20, 1952

FROM : V. P. Keay

SUBJECT: THOMAS WARDELL BRADEN
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Reference is made to memorandum from Mr. Stanley to you dated April 10, 1952, wherein it was requested that the Liaison Unit determine if the captioned individual was employed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) within the purview of Executive Order 9835; and if so, establish whether CIA desired any investigation under the Loyalty Program.

The Loyalty Unit was furnished information reflecting that Braden was employed by the CIA within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The matter of conducting an investigation of Braden under the Loyalty Program was referred to Colonel Sheffield Edwards, CIA, on April 15, 1952.

Colonel Edwards has now advised that his agency had conducted a thorough review of Braden's case and in addition, had interrogated Braden. Colonel Edwards advised that as a result, his agency did not desire that the Bureau take any further action under Executive Order 9835. He added that the CIA felt that Braden does not present a security risk to the U. S. Government.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the instant matter be referred to the Loyalty Unit for its information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roach

DATE: April 4, 1958

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SUBJECT: THOMAS BRADEN, PUBLISHER
"OCEANSIDE (CALIFORNIA)
DAILY BLADE-TRIBUNE"
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the enclosed article which appeared in the April 4, 1958, issue of the "Washington Daily News" stating that Thomas Braden, publisher of the "Oceanside (California) Daily Blade-Tribune," has claimed that the United States has not solved the problem of returning a long-range missile to the earth's atmosphere. As the article indicates, President Eisenhower made a statement on November 7, 1957, that this problem had been solved and the President displayed a nose cone from an experimental missile which had been to outer space. The article indicates that Braden obtained the information from sources in Washington, D. C. The inference is made that he has obtained some inside information.

For your information, Braden served with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during World War II and was connected with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) until about three years ago.

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(S) [redacted] purchased a small newspaper at Oceanside, California. Braden is the type who would have been close to the Georgetown crowd such as the Alsops, Frank Wisner and others.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Whitson
1 - Mr. Kuhrtz
1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. Papich

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Memorandum D. J. Brennan, Jr. to W. C. Sullivan
RE: THOMAS WARDELL BRADEN
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

In December, 1961, we learned that Braden, then a member of a committee to select a Chancellor for California State Colleges, at a meeting on 4/6/61, allegedly told the group or implied that he had talked with the Director concerning Dr. Buell Gallagher and that Mr. Hoover had stated that Gallagher had been a pacifist, one of the great liberals of the country, but was now one of the most effective enemies of communism. Gallagher thereupon was unanimously approved by the committee. Interested individuals were contacted and were advised that the statement attributed to Mr. Hoover was untrue. Braden was interviewed on 12/28/61 and he denied that he had mentioned the Director. Gallagher has been described as a former campaign manager for Henry Wallace when the Progressive Party was active. (94-44272).

We investigated Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Braden, wife of Thomas Braden, in December, 1964 and January, 1965, at the request of the White House. The investigation disclosed that Mrs. Braden worked for the War Department during the period 1944 to 1946 and was a Secretary and Special Assistant to Nelson A. Rockefeller from 1947 to 1952. She was a Secretary and Assistant to Oveta Culp Hobby, then Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, during the period 1953 to 1955. She was very active during the Presidential campaign of the late President John F. Kennedy and has been described as a close friend of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. Favorable comments were made concerning her during our investigation by individuals such as Robert F. Kennedy, Allen W. Dulles, Alice Longworth, and Llewellyn Thompson. (161-3234).

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(cited by HCUA as a communist front) and as a result, Braden did attend some meetings of this group. Braden was described in 1951 by an admitted former member of the Young Communist League(YCL) as having been active in YCL at Dartmouth. (YCL has been cited by the Attorney General.) During 1952 he was interviewed incidental to a security-type investigation and he furnished a signed statement denying he was ever a member of the American Student Union or YCL. In 1961 Braden was quoted as having said he had talked with the Director and Mr. Hoover had named a certain person as being one of the most active enemies of communism. Interested individuals were contacted and Braden denied mentioning Mr. Hoover. Braden is President of the California State School Board which picked questionable textbooks for public schools and considered abolition of pledge of allegiance to the flag, according to a citizen who wrote us in January of 1962.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: THOMAS WARDELL BRADEN
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick

DATE: 5/9/67

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Papich
1 - 62-80750

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SYNOPSIS:

Braden is the former CIA official who recently publicized CIA's past involvement in the international labor movement. Bureau files concerning Braden have been reviewed and contain following pertinent information: Braden born 2/22/18, Greene, Iowa. Graduated from Dartmouth College in 1940. Served in British Eighth Army, and in 1944, transferred to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). In 1946, became member of faculty at Dartmouth College. In 1948, was Secretary of Museum of Modern Art, New York City. In 1950, employed as a Special Assistant to Director, CIA, [redacted] (S) [redacted] Resigned from CIA in 1954 and became editor and publisher of the Oceanside "Blade-Tribune," Oceanside, California. As of 1965, he was also serving as President of the Board of Education, State of California. In 1938, Braden was on a list of officers and members of the Dartmouth College Chapter of the American Student Union which had been cited as being subversive and un-American. In an interview, he denied membership in the American Student Union but did admit that he had attended some meetings. While at Dartmouth, he had an association with William Walter Remington, who in 1953, was convicted on two counts of perjury for denying that he had furnished classified information to a Soviet and for claiming that he had no knowledge of the existence of the Young Communist League at Dartmouth. Braden coauthored the book, "Sub Rosa," with Stuart Alsop, which was an account of OSS experiences in Europe during World War II. Braden reportedly was the target of attacks by the John Birch Society in California which apparently stemmed from his duties as President of the Board of Education. While in this capacity, the Board reportedly introduced controversial

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RE: THOMAS WARDELL BRADEN
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

textbooks and planned to eliminate the pledge of allegiance to the flag in California schools. On 1/11/55, Braden criticized a speech by the Director which related to use of confidential informants. On 2/13/61, Bureau sent letter to Braden acknowledging a favorable editorial which referred to Director's comments concerning menace of communism. In June, 1961, Braden's paper carried an editorial reporting a speech by a California Assemblyman in which the Director was called a "liar." In December, 1961, Braden was reported to have used the Director's name in endorsing Dr. Buell Gallagher for the position of Chancellor for California State Colleges. In a subsequent interview, Braden denied that he had ever mentioned the Director. Gallagher has been described as a former campaign manager for Henry Wallace when the Progressive Party was active. Mrs. Braden was investigated for White House in December, 1964 - January, 1965. She has served as a Secretary and Special Assistant to Nelson Rockefeller and to former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Oveta Culp Hobby. She was very active in the election campaign of former President Kennedy and is reported to be a close friend of Jacqueline Kennedy. All pertinent information concerning Braden and his wife was furnished to the White House by letter dated 1/26/65.

ACTION:

For information.

DETAILS:

Braden is the former CIA official who recently publicized CIA's involvement in the international labor movement. His expose of CIA activity is receiving wide publicity and has generated a new wave of articles which are creating problems for the Agency. There is set forth a summary of information in Bureau files concerning Braden. It should be noted that all pertinent information in our files concerning Braden and his wife was furnished to the White House by letter dated 1/26/65. (161-3234-67).

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RE: THOMAS WARDELL BRADEN SUMMARY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

Braden was born 2/22/18, Greene, Iowa. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1940. After approximately one year with the Mutual Broadcasting Company, he joined the British Eighth Army and served in this Army until 1944 when he transferred to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). In 1946, he became a member of the faculty at Dartmouth College. In 1948, he was Secretary of the Museum of Modern Art, New York City. In 1950, he was appointed Executive Director of the American Committee on United Europe in New York City. He subsequently was employed by CIA as an assistant to Allen Dulles

(S) [redacted] He resigned from CIA in 1954 and became editor and publisher of the Oceanside "Blade-Tribune," Oceanside, California. As of 1965, he was also serving as President of the Board of Education, State of California.

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In 1938, his name was on a list of officers and members of the American Student Union. That organization was cited by the Special Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations, report dated 4/21/43, as being subversive and un-American. During a Bureau investigation of William Walter Remington in 1950, Braden was interviewed and admitted that he knew Remington when they were fellow students at Dartmouth. He recalled that Remington had been on the governing body of the American Student Union and that Remington had encouraged him, Braden, to become a member of the American Student Union. Braden admitted that as a result of this encouragement he did attend some of the meetings of the aforementioned organization. He stated that he had only one contact with Remington after leaving Dartmouth and that was when he received a letter from Remington asking for a recommendation. Braden advised that after a great deal of thought and some misgivings, he did write a letter to Remington stating that he remembered him as a brilliant student who had an excellent record at Dartmouth. Braden claimed that he purposely refrained from making any comments concerning Remington's loyalty since he did not have toomuch faith in Remington. With regard to Remington, this individual was convicted on 7/9/53 on two counts of perjury when he denied that he ever gave classified information to a Soviet spy courier and that he had no

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knowledge of the existence of the Young Communist League at Dartmouth. Remington was sentenced to serve three years and died on 11/24/54 after suffering injuries from an assault while in prison.

During an investigation in 1952, Braden furnished a signed statement in which he stated that he had never been a member of the American Student Union while attending Dartmouth. Braden coauthored a book entitled, "Sub Rosa," with Stuart Alsop. This book was an account of OSS activities in Europe during World War II.

The 3/6/63 issue of "The New York Times" contained an article in which it was noted that Governor Edmund G. Brown of California was said to have accused the John Birch Society of inspiring an anti-Braden campaign. The article noted that Braden had called a news conference to express his puzzlement over the attacks upon him while he was serving as President of the Board of Education of California.

Braden was interviewed during 1945 and 1946 in [redacted] regarding [redacted] an enlisted man. [redacted] was discontinued at the request of the Navy Department. b6 b7C

Files indicate that while Braden was President of the California State School Board, this educational body allegedly picked questionable textbooks for public schools and considered abolition of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

On 10/11/55, Braden criticized a speech by the Director which related to the use of confidential informants. On 2/13/61, the Bureau sent Braden a letter acknowledging a favorable editorial which brought the Director's comments concerning the menace of communism to the attention of the readers of the "Blade-Tribune." Braden was then on our mailing list. In June, 1961, Braden's paper carried an editorial reporting a speech by California Assemblyman John O'Connell in which O'Connell called the Director a "liar" in referring to the San Francisco riots in May, 1960.

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Dear [redacted]

Your card dated July 16th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, based on the information you furnished, your communication does not relate to any matter within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I hope you will not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

I am forwarding a copy of your card to the Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Twelfth Street and Constitution Avenue, Northwest, Washington 25, D. C., for what information he can furnish you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Copy of incoming sent to Internal Revenue Service by form. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles on the basis of information furnished. Correspondent is making reference to Thomas W. Braden, Publisher of the Oceanside "Blade-Tribune," Oceanside, California. Braden has not been investigated by the Bureau. He was Assistant to the Deputy Director of CIA from 1951 to 1954 when he became owner of the Oceanside "Daily Blade." He stated on interview in 1950 in connection with our investigation of William Walter Remington that Remington had induced him to become a member of the American Student Union DCL:nkg (4) Note continued next page.

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